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a Cache Memory Within a Disk Memory System

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this preliminary amendment and remarks.

In the Specification:

On page 1, prior to the section entitled Field of the Invention, please insert the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of and claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application 60/255,858, entitled "Disk Controller Providing for the Auto-Transfer of Host-Requested-Data from a Cache Memory Within a Disk Memory System" and filed on December 15, 2000, which application is hereby incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification for the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Page 1, prior to the section entitled Field of the Invention, has been amended as follows:

This application claims the benefit of and claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application 60/255,858, entitled "Disk Controller Providing for the Auto-Transfer of Host-Requested-Data from a Cache Memory within a Disk Memory System" and filed on December 15, 2000, which application is hereby incorporated by reference.